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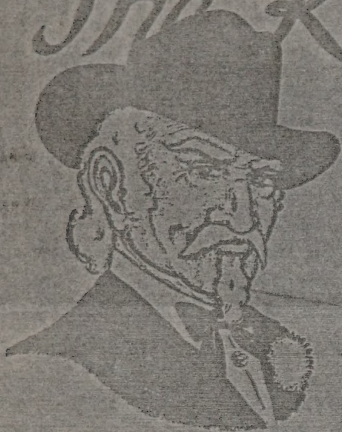
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ARE YOU BEHIND TIME?

On the evening of January 3, the halls of H.S.B. buzzed with the excitement of students returning from their Christmas vacation. They had hardly finished New Year's greetings when the return to regular classes brought them sharply back to reality from their "dreamer's holiday".

Perhaps you were around in 1945 when a slow-spoken young man was a high school senior. His singing was swell, his boogie was hot. He was called by his classmates "an all-'round good guy". It is no wonder that many said goodbye to him with regrets that he would no longer brighten the campus with his personality. Who was he? Why, he was Erny Bourne who left us; but it was Mr. Ernest T. Bourne who, a few weeks ago, returned to us as a teacher. In Sept. 1945, Mr. Bourne entered Georgetown College where he majored in English and history. He hopes to continue teaching, but he plans to write also. On behalf of the student body, we wish Mr. Bourne every success in his new career.

On Saturday, January 21, the Chorus Club took over the Fontaine Ferry Park skating rink for an afternoon of fun and frolic. The music was gay, and hearts were light in spite of the hard falls suffered by those just learning to skate. When, upon returning to school, the savory odor of what proved to be a barbecue supper issued forth, sore muscles relaxed and pains seemed eased. A program committee never did a better job than did the one which planned that wonderful party and supper.

What is it in dreary old February that makes the girls' eyes sparkle and the boys' hearts light? What is it that makes him more amorous and her more glamorous? Did someone mention Cupid? If so, you are exactly right; for from the first through the fourteenth of February the air seemed dense with Cupid's arrows. However, this

strange little match-maker cannot accomplish his purpose working all alone. To aid him in his mission, a committee of four students and two teachers was appointed by Mr. Langan to plan the traditional Valentine dance. It was held in the auditorium on the evening of the twelfth. If you could have seen Mrs. Margaret Traub, one of our faculty advisors, bustling around making sure of every final detail before the excited boys and girls pushed their way in, you might have thought her very life depended upon the success of the dance. In fact, the life of the party did depend a great deal upon her, for it could never have been the success that it was without her service. On a small slip of paper, hidden from sight, was written the one word "Cupid"--the secret word which would win a beautiful door prize. Members of the committee were posted at each door to check conversation as the students entered the room. After some dancing and a few games, came the big event of the evening, the crowning of the King and Queen of Hearts. Though it was a close race, Rufena Randles and Jack Perry, both seniors, were the lucky couple. Mr. Howser, our principal, crowned them, and they presided most graciously over the next dance, after which they circulated among the crowd, dancing with everyone. Even the most discriminating judge upon observing the last dance, which was by candle light, would have declared Cupid's work well done. If we lingered just a little longer than usual, it was just because we hated for such a wonderful evening to become a memory.

One would not have to be an expert judge of people to see that Mrs. Allen M. Sakler, our new dancing teacher, has an over-supply of charm, grace, and personality. Mrs. Sakler is a newcomer, not only to our school, but also to Louisville. She recently came from Cincinnati to make her home here, and she decided to supplement her many duties as a housewife by teaching dancing to our students. She seems to enjoy her work, and certainly the results of it will add greatly to the pleasure of our dances.

Joanna Pennington
Anna Sue Cochran
12th Grade

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

On Valentine Day some friends brought us a surprise party. We had ice cream, cake, candy and pretty heart valentines.

It was fun going to the circus on the school bus. The clowns were so funny. The bears, skating and riding a motorcycle, were the best. We had peanuts, pop corn and everything good.

Another group of friends came on Washington's Birthday with a lovely party. They brought us little hatchets, too.

The Kindergarten
and First Grade.

FOURTH GRADE

Activities

The first activity we had this school year was a party on Hallowe'en. With us were old Gorma, the witch; Yehudi, the Ghost; and Diablo, the Devil. We played games and won prizes.

The next activity we took part in was a Christmas program which we presented in the auditorium. On this program we sang Christmas carols and recited Yuletide poems.

This term, we celebrated St. Valentine's Day with a party at which we exchanged valentines we made.

We are planning to give another program of music and poetry within a few weeks.

All these activities were given with the third grade.

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Health Contest

About five weeks ago, the pupils of the fourth grade started a health contest. In this contest we have two teams whose captains are Jimmie Sydnor and Elwood Miracle. The duties we must perform are those of personal cleanliness. We keep count of our merit points by the use of gold, blue and red stars by our names which are on a chart we have posted in our room.

At the end of this week, the losing team must plan a party for the winning team.

Elwood Miracle
Bobby Barnes

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An Exciting Trip

Listen, while I tell you of the journey the fourth grade has just completed and of the journey we expect to take in the next few weeks. We visited children of our own age in other lands.

The first part of our trip took us to South America on a big ocean liner where we visited Zay and Zita in the Amazon Basin. We saw how the Indians gathered rubber and learned of the jungles and its many animals. From this extremely hot land near the Equator we went by plane to Eskimo land which is the home of Nazook and Tukee. We learned about their living customs and how they survived in such a cold country.

Next we visited Ali and Selma in the Sahara Desert of North Africa. The chief commercial products that these Bedouin people

take to market in the oasis towns are dates and salt. Also on the continent of Africa we visited Yumbu and Minko in the Congo Valley, and Mena and Zora in Egypt.

Would you like to go with us on our next trip when we visit Sep and Heidi in Switzerland? If so, please notify the writer.

James H. Robinson.

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The Blue Bird

One sunny day, I looked up in the sky;
I saw a little blue bird that went flying by.
And I spoke to him and said, "Hi, hi."

I love you little blue bird because your coat's so
blue;
"I love you too," I'm sure he sang.
I hope it's really true.

Shirley Parker

A FRIEND

As I was taking a stroll today,
I met a Friend along life's way;
He asked if He might come along,
And on my lips He placed a song.

The skies seemed oh so clear today!
The clouds just seemed to roll away;
And as we walked and talked awhile,
Into my heart He placed a smile.

And when my feet began to stray,
He took my hand and showed me the way,
And as I staggered in the blinding night,
Unto my eyes He gave a light.

I saw His hands all bruised and torn --
He told me of the cross He'd borne.
"My Friend," I said, "I cannot see
Just why You did all this for me."

"How could You love one such as I?"
"I love everyone," was His reply.
"And why this course did you pursue?"
"What have I ever done for you?"

I looked up at the sky so blue,
I thought about my Friend so true,
And then I turned to Him to say,
"Dear God, I'm glad we met today."

Barbara Ann Wheeler
10th Grade

C L U B N E W S

MUSIC APPRECIATION CLUB

Our Music Appreciation Club has been meeting regularly every Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock. We are studying the "Columbia History of Music" which is a story of music from its earliest stages up to the music of today. It also tells of the lives of some of the composers and some of their works.

We learn much about music in this club, and we think our time spent here is very worth-while. It is surprising how many things we learn about a piece of music by playing it over and over. It seems that we hear something new each time!

We all enjoy the club, and we are deeply grateful to Mr. Hobbs for organizing it.

Louise Rogers
9th Grade

DRAMATIC CLUB

Wanted: A baby, a rooster, and an electric tooth brush. What could it all be about? Do you know? There must be something very mysterious going on at K.S.B. Ask Mr. Knight if his baldness is from working too hard in school; or, since he is a bachelor, you might even ask him if he needs hair for love! Poor old-maid Aunt Eula! What kind of a life can you expect her to live at forty-two? Have you ever heard anything so foolish as hair growing on a brass bed?

This year the members of the Dramatic Club are working very hard on their annual spring play. It will be given during the latter part of April, but as yet no definite date has been set. The members are also copying their parts in braille instead of having them embossed at the Printing House.

What is it besides the season that can give a young boy spring fever? If you want to know the answers to all of these questions, come to see "Spring Fever" by Ray Hodges.

Billie Jean Clark
10th Grade

THE MUSIC BOX

Since the last issue of this paper went to press, our music students have had the privilege of attending many highlights in the Louisville concert season. On Thursday, January 5, one of the regular subscription concerts of the Louisville Orchestra was presented at Columbus Auditorium. Continuing with their series of commissioned musical works by composers of both national and international fame, the Louisville Orchestra presented William Schumann's "Judith" with Martha Graham performing the choreographic solo.

On January 18 another concert in the "Making Music" series was attended, and a few days later a performance was given by The Louisville String Quartet.

Newly commissioned works by David Diamond and Paul Hindemith were premiered on the Louisville Orchestra's subscription concerts of February 2 and March 2, respectively. On February 10 and 16 performances by The Budapest String Quartet and a "Making Music" concert were attended.

On the evening of Monday, March 6, the choir of St. Mark's Episcopal Church presented an evening choral service for the members of the Louisville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The Chorus is under the direction of Mr. Robert Hobbs, who is our organ instructor here at K.S.B.

Our male quartet journeyed with Mr. Samuel Richie to a small church in Vine Grove, Kentucky, on March 12. The boys sang for the church services and also for some shut-ins. They tell us they spent a very enjoyable Sunday. On this same day, about ten students attended a "Grand Ole Opry" show at the Louisville Armory. This show included such folk music stars as Bill Monroe, Jimmie Dickens, Wally Fowler, Pee Wee King, and Randy Atcher.

When the Louisville Orchestra gave a concert on March 15, the winners of its auditions were presented at that time. A group of our students attended this performance, as well as two other performances by the New York Piano Quartet on the 18th and 19th.

On Monday evening, February 20, at 8:15, an organ recital by Mr. Thomas Webber was attended at the Fourth Avenue Presbyterian Church. This recital was sponsored by the American Guild of Organists.

Louis Knipp
10th Grade

S C O U T N E W S

Events in scouting have moved along quite rapidly since our last edition of "The Colonel".

Around the 15th of December we had our annual Christmas party at which a five-pound bar of chocolate candy, a box of chewing gum, and a silver dollar were given to the holder of the lucky number. David Murrell was the recipient of the prizes.

In December, also, we held the largest "Court of Honor" meeting in the history of our forty years in scouting. There were five first class boys, ten second class, and five new members -- all having passed their examinations. Mr. Richie said, "In my thirty or more years of scouting this is the largest group of boys, as far as I can remember, ever to appear before the Court of Honor." We have four men serving on our Court of Honor, namely Mr. Joe Clus, Mr. William H. Mootz, Mr. Roy Haynes, and Mr. Ernest Bourne.

There will be more work for these teachers before very long because there are four boys trying for first class, six for second class, and seven new boys who would like to join the troop. We hope that all these boys will be ready to advance before the end of this term.

We have learned more about the movement in scouting known as "Strengthen the Arm of Liberty". In contributing to this activity we have pledged ourselves to try to enroll ten new members before the beginning of 1951. We shall also try to have fifty per cent of our members advance in rank. The number of members in our troop now stands at thirty-three registered scouts.

As all the scouts probably know, the 1st of January put into motion a new set of requirements for each rank in scouting. Mr. Richie, our scout master, attended classes for two hours every Monday night for five weeks to study these new requirements.

As usual, this year during Scout Anniversary Week we kept our old tradition of having some activity for every day. On Friday morning of this week we took charge of the chapel services and presented a program.

This year the annual "Scout Jamboree" will be held in Pittsburgh. We have selected a six-man patrol to make the trip. The boys who went to Philadelphia last year said that they had a wonderful time, although it was rather cold. The boys who are preparing to go to Pittsburgh say that they will have a good time regardless of the weather! The jamboree will be held April 28-30. Seven other schools are expected to enter the festivities of the meeting. We have hopes of presenting an activity like this jamboree here next autumn at Camp Covered Bridge.

While the jamboree is in progress we shall enter a group of boys in a scout show here in Louisville at the Fair Grounds. This show, which is called the "Wali-ga-zhu", was started by the Indians. We shall try our skill in wall-scaling. Each troop will be entered in one event, and all the troops are invited to take part in the grand finale. Between six and eight thousand scouts are expected to take part in this show. The Wali-ga-zhu opens on the 28th of April and will continue for two full days.

Richard McDowell
10th Grade

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Student Accolades

JIMMY SCOGGINS, our post graduate student at Perkins, reported to the West Virginia School for the Blind on March 13, to fill a temporary vacancy as teacher of piano tuning and chair caning. Congratulations to a swell guy!

JOANNA PENNINGTON and ORAL MILLER are knocking out straight A's at Louisville Girls' High and Hale High this year. Some achievement for a couple of fine kids. Good, hard work is always rewarded.

JOAN BRITT won her speech contest at Louisville Girls' High on March 25 and will compete in the State Contest at Lexington on April 11. Her rating was Superior! We rate her just about that high too! Good luck at Lexington, Joanny.

RAYMOND SDAVER and LOUIS INIPP are receiving some valuable experience in church music under the direction of Mr. Hobbs, our Organ Instructor. Raymond is singing regularly each Sunday in the St. Marks' Choir, and Louis has already had the opportunity of playing the new \$20,000 organ at St. Marks for some parts of the service.

ORAL MILLER has been nominated for the Flying Dutchman GALE GUY PLAQUE and will be presented with the Lionheart Lapel Button. Announcement of the high school athlete selected on a state wide basis who has done the most to overcome a handicap to take part in athletics will be made at a later date.

S P O R T S

The first wrestling meet of our 1949-50 season turned out to be rather disastrous for us. After traveling to Little Rock, Ark. for a meet with the school of that state, we proceeded to take a sound drubbing at the hands of those boys. We salvaged only two wins and a tie. Ben Robinson and Oral Miller won their matches, and James Lane wrestled to a draw. When the meet was over, Arkansas had trimmed us by the score of 33 to 12.

The match at Arkansas, unknown to us, was the last match that James Lane would ever wrestle while wearing Kentucky colors. Lane's family left this state and moved to Virginia. Our athletic teams have missed and will continue to miss James's spirit, fight, and determination.

The first of possibly five basketball games with the Gray-Beards was played on February 11. Our athletes simply outclassed the "old men" in an exciting game. We should have said that the game was exciting for the first quarter. At the end of the first half our school boys were leading by the score of 13 to 6. The last half proved to be a little too much for the Gray-Beards. When the final whistle sounded, the youngsters, the school boys, had won by the overwhelming score of 32 to 22. Our attack was sparked by Captain Herman Davis, who scored the total of 13 points. Jesse Allen was high for the Gray-Beards with 6 points.

The second basketball game was played on February 25. This game turned out to be more fatal for the former students than had been the first. As in the first game, our youth and condition paid off. The school boys, who didn't think that the game would be as easy for them as the first one, went into the game with a strong determination to come out victorious. Well, the accomplished their goal. The second game was indeed more fatal for the Gray-Beards than the first contest. These fighting youngsters emerged victorious

once again; this time by the score of 38 to 7. Jerry Cameron, high point man for the game, poured 14 big points through the hoop. As in the first game, Jesse Allen was high for his team with 4 points.

Those two basket ball games were played on an indoor court; however; three more games are to be played this spring. The approaching three games will be played out of doors on an outside court. The site of the games is being moved to enable several players, who aren't at their best inside because of bad eye-sight, really to show what they can do. We at the school seem determined to make a clean sweep of all the athletic events against the Gray-Beards this season. The victory last fall in the Philadelphia Kick game was the thing that sparked our fellows. The basketball games coming up, although they may be closer than the two previous ones, shouldn't prove to be too much of a stumbling block for our boys.

We are glad in more ways than one to see our basketball team win in their efforts to bring the school to the front in athletics. Of course, we are very glad to see them simply win. They represent us on the basketball court and we always like to see them do a good job. Also, it is good to see them emerge victorious because this is the last year that some of them will represent the K.S.B. in athletics. Three of our five regulars on the basketball team graduate this June. Captain Herman Davis, a forward; Bert Ellis, the center; and Jack Perry, a guard, will see action for the last time for us on the basketball floor next month in the remaining games.

An outside observer, upon seeing our wrestling team that was to go to the tournament at Romney, West Virginia, would have thought that we didn't have a chance. He would have been justified in having this belief because we had only five boys to make the trip to the tournament. But "dynamite comes in small packages"; and that was just about the case with our wrestling team. Although there were only five of them, they let some of the others know that they were in the tournament. Our grapplers walked off with three second places and two third places. Herman Davis won second place in the heavy-weight division; Oral Miller won second place in the 165-pound class; Ben Robinson walked away with second place in the 154-pound class; Bill Stanley worked his way into third place in the 145-pound class; and Donnie Adams took third in the 127 division. Although they didn't win first place, we are proud of our team. They did a man-sized job in earning 15 points.

The greatest weakness on our wrestling team is due to the lack of light-weight wrestlers. Our present coach, Ben Johnson, has been working and is still working with several of the smaller boys. As soon as we can get a few light-weights, our team will improve greatly. We will lose only one man by graduation this year.

There is one man around K.S.B. who deserves more credit than he receives. That man is Ben Johnson, our wrestling and track coach. Even though we did lose our first match badly and we didn't win the tournament, Mr. Johnson should be praised for his accomplishments with our teams. We do not know how our track team will do; however, for his work with the wrestling team we praise Mr. Johnson. He has

nobly filled the shoes of Mr. John Sutton, the excellent track and wrestling coach for the last two years.

Prospects for track are pretty good this year. All but two of last year's team are back. Donald Thomas, Bert Ellis, and Jack Perry -- three good track men -- will carry the bulk of the burden this spring. The absence left by Jim Scoggins will be filled by Herman Davis. We are counting on Ben Robinson to fill the shoes of James Lane. As yet we do not know our track schedule; however, we are fairly sure of a meet with the Illinois and Missouri Schools for the Blind. Big things are expected from our boys. If early signs are reliable, we should be fairly successful.

Oral Miller
11th Grade

TELEVISION AT K.S.B.

It was a rather warm Tuesday morning when Mr. Langan told us that photographers were coming to school to take pictures. They were TV men from radio station WHAS. The new WHAS TV station will open in about three weeks, and their photographers were going through the city of Louisville taking pictures for their opening show. They selected this building because it is a very historic building, and is so well known.

We were all wondering what it would be like to have ourselves televised. We found out when the photographers came. Pictures of the primary pupils were taken in the girls' cottage. Some of the little boys and girls wrote on the slate and read from their books. The fifth-grade class and the tenth-grade typewriting class were televised; and classes in manual training and chair caning were selected as interesting subjects. One boy had his picture taken while writing the very popular song "Music, Music, Music", while a few piano students and one organ pupil had their pictures made while performing.

I am sure these photographers were impressed with what they saw and heard. For K.S.B. this was a very exciting experience, and we are all wondering if these pictures will be shown on television some day. We hope so!

Raymond Seaver
8th Grade

GIRLS WILL BE BOYS

For a long time the girls have been trying to think of something new to do in the way of entertainment, and not so very long ago we had a good idea. After long discussions with a number of the girls, we decided to have a male-female party which only girls would attend. You say it's impossible? Just wait until I tell you about it!

On Saturday evening, March 4, everything was ready; but for what, hardly anyone knew. At 7:30 P.M. everyone started drifting into the auditorium. First girls and then boys. Yes, you are reading correctly -- I did say boys and girls. It wasn't long until the party was under way.

First we played "Ups and Downs" to get everyone warmed up; afterwards we had card games, checkers, and almost any kind of game that was suggested. But the best thing of all was the dance we had. The boys were so handsome! There was everything from waltzing to jitterbugging. It was quite a show.

After everyone had played at whatever he chose until tired, we had refreshments which were prepared by Miss Wilson. She stood by to see that all the boys were as polite as they should be.

Now, here is the big moment. I am going to tell you about our boys. It just takes a little time and ingenuity to plan an evening of fun. The way we worked it, half the girls were dressed as boys. They wore slacks, put up their hair, and even wore T-shirts to make the party more effective.

If you should ever want to have some fun in a different way, just try this. And don't let it be said that girls can't always have a boy, because "Girls will be Boys".

Betty Jean Greene
10th Grade

K. S. B. SPEECH CLASS ENTERTAINS SORORITY

Having accepted an invitation to present a program to the Phi Beta Psi Sorority in Scottsburg, Indiana, on February 13, the speech class, accompanied by Miss Wash, speech teacher, Mrs. Judd, primary music teacher, and Mrs. Traub, set out to fulfill the engagement. The weather was very bad, but we were invited to join the members of the sorority in a buffet dinner, so rest assured, we were there on time.

As far as we girls were concerned, the dinner was the main issue of the evening. It was composed of country ham, green beans, sweet potatoes, different kinds of salads, hot rolls and coffee. The dessert deserves special mention, because, to my way of thinking, it was a very special dish. It was a huge square of vanilla ice cream with a large strawberry heart in the center. That does remind you of Valentine, doesn't it?

Yes, the dinner was the main part of our evening, but I regret to say that, because of the un pardonable fact that we're human beings and because human beings are certain to be just a little jittery at such moments as these, we were unable to give the dinner our fullest attention.

After we had eaten and had had a few minutes in which to relax, the program was under way with a monologue by Billie Jean Clark. Betty Jean Greene demonstrated typical rural accent in a monologue entitled "Farmer Jones at Grand Central Station"; and, as Scottsburg is a little country town, this presentation was very well received. Also, "The Raven", by Edgar Allen Poe, and recited by Louise Rogers, was a great asset to our program. Rufena Randles portrayed the jealous wife in her soliloquy, "The Birthday Party". "Perfect 42", a monologue given by Joan Britt, furnished ideas to the larger women attending the program. It gave them something to think about when they buy their next corset, especially if they have a little difficulty with the size! Sue Cochran's illustrations of the typical mother at the six-weeks' marking period when her child's grades are not quite up to expectations was well received. Sue also recited a group of poems in commemoration of Lincoln's birthday, which was the day before the program.

After intermission, the entertainment continued with a Miniature Minstrel in which Rufena awed the audience with her song, "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice". Also, much tribute was paid Betty Jean and Louise for their piano solos. There was the usual cracking of jokes and pulling of minstrel tricks; then the program was ended with a pianologue, "Dreamin' in de Twilight" recited by Joan Britt.

We had a wonderful time planning and giving this little entertainment, and we hope that the sorority enjoyed it as much as we did. We should like to express our sincere appreciation to all those who made the program possible.

Joan Britt
10th Grade.

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The direct line channel from the Louisville Public Library to our school which is currently being installed will bring the audio programs right into our class rooms, auditorium and dormitories. The line charges, high fidelity amplifier, speakers and other equipment for this set-up is being donated by the local Masonic HI-12 Luncheon Club. We are indebted to this group for their interest in our program. The Superintendent spoke at their regular luncheon meeting on March 17 at the Seelbach Hotel, and we hope to have the club visit the school next month.

The paved playground area to be provided by the Louisville Lions Club has been delayed because of the weather. We had hopes that this facility would be completed in time for use by the students during the last three months of the school year. With less rain the project can still be constructed in the next few weeks, in plenty of time for many hours of play before the close of the school term.

April 6 - April 10 Easter Vacation.

April 28 - April 30 Scout Jamboree, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

May 6 - Track Meet, Illinois-Missouri-Kentucky at Jacksonville, Ill.

May 13 - Eastern Schools' Track Meet at Batavia, New York

June 7 - COMMENCEMENT 8 P.M.

June 10 - June 11 Annual Alumni Meeting.

